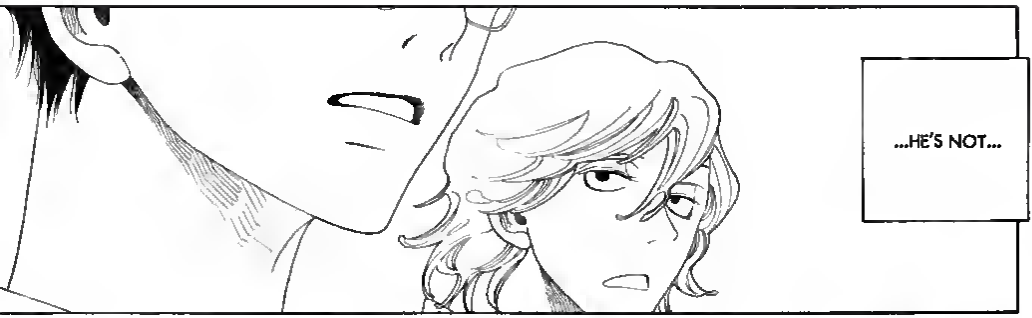
d u u
k y u
s e i
A boy met a boy.
They were in flush of youth.
They were in love that felt like
like a sparkling
同級生
First season
中村明日美子
Presented by
Asumiko Nakamura
EDGE COMIX

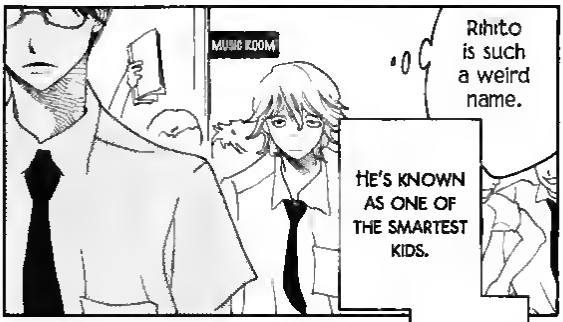
【夏】
Summer

Holding a choir festival in a boys' school...
That's not very exciting, is it?
There should be...
.....
...both girl parts and boy parts...
...like sopranos and altos.
They practice together.
That's ridiculous
We only have tenors and basses.
Shut up over there.
Think of me, who has to teach all you boys.
You're just discouraging us
What's the point of making *you* cry?
That's not exciting
Sing with your manly voice and make me cry!

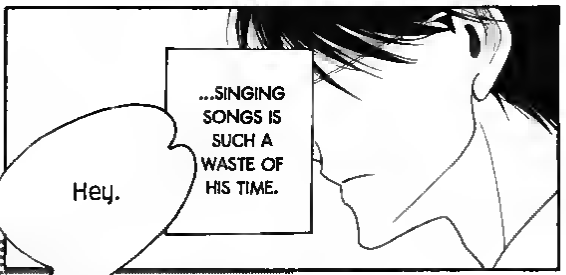
TINKLE
TINK
TINK
TINK
CHAK
CHAK
Stand up now
Well, we'll practice little by little together.
Repeat after me.
Follow the notes on the board.
Just try to sing for now.
You...
...turn around ...
You...
...turn around ...
OH...



...SINGING.



THAT'S RIHITO SAJO.



I forgot something in the classroom.
I'll walk there, so you go ahead.
Right.
See ya later.
Okay.
Oh...
Okay.
Can he make any sound with it?
Let's take my scooter there.
It's true.
He taped it with duct tape.
For real?
What happened to his snare that had a hole?
The drummer, Sakaki, will join us for some jamming.
Meet us at six.
You turn around ...
The leftover rice will dry up and get hard
...and see...
...vivid green ...
...green ...
I for-got ...
...my lunch-box.

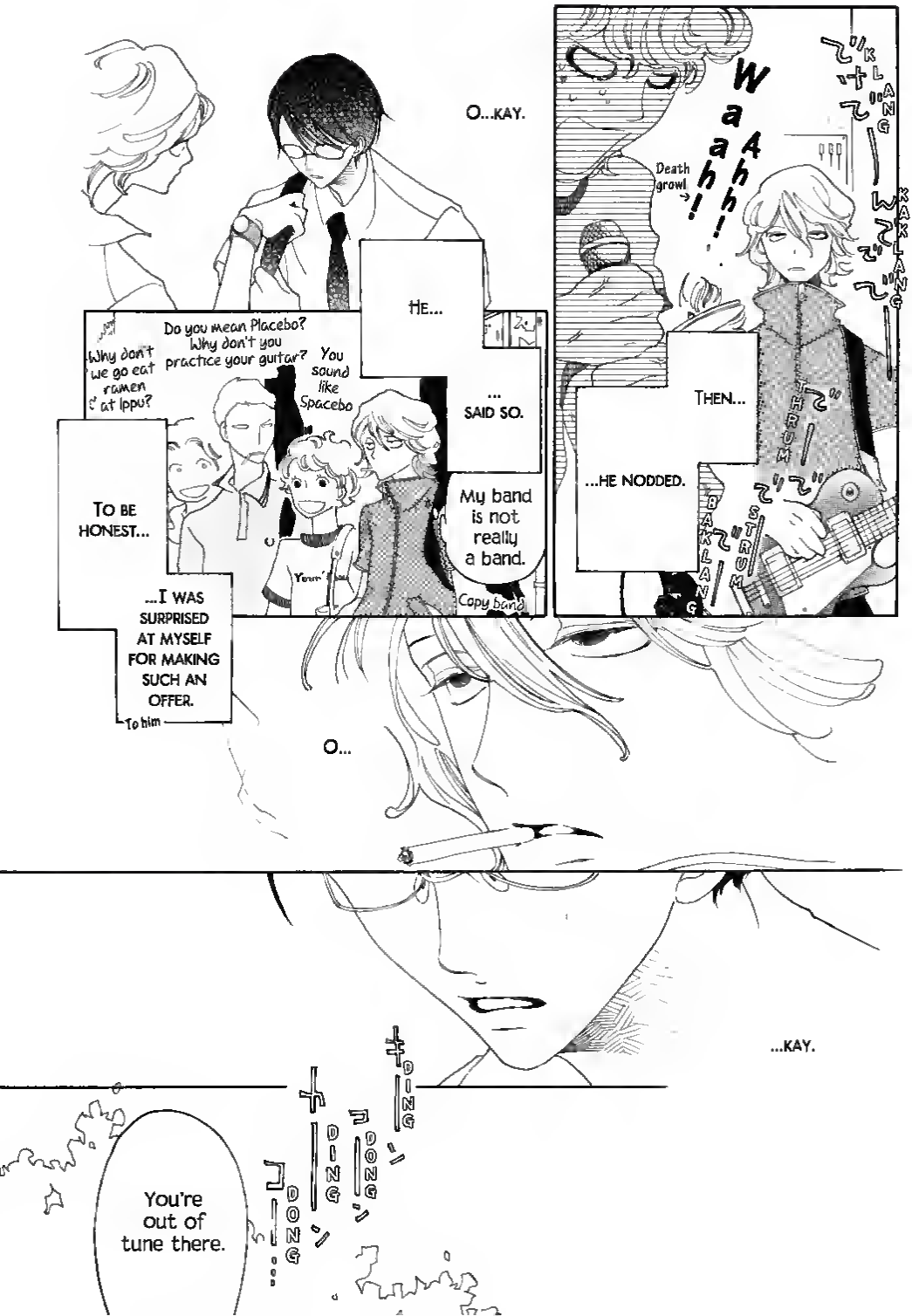
...green...
...leaves...
...upon leaves.
KA-CHAK
...gr...
...een...
Hi.
I forgot something.
I made a noise.
Oh.
K... Kusakabe.

Huh?
You were a little off...
Dot print
He was practic-ing...
... alone.
Sajo...
It's not "leaves upon leaves." ♪
It's "leaves, upon leaves." ♪
Here...
There's a break here.
So...
"Leaves ..."
...break... "upon leaves." ♪
"Leaves..." ...break... "upon leaves?" ♪
That's right.
"Leaves ... upon leaves..."
See?

I thought you didn't wanna participate.
You play in a band.
Thanks... ...for giving me a lesson.
I see.
I can read the notes.
?
We haven't practiced that far yet.
...see green...
...in your eyes.
♪
And I will...
Someday we'll come here...
♪
...when we are older.

...because you weren't singing in class.
My glasses need to be adjusted.
I can't see the notes on the board.
Why don't you ask Mr. Hara if you can sit in front?
It's not important.
Huh?
I mean...
...I thought that you think singing is pointless...
I don't want to bother the teacher.
STARE
I...
...see.
So he was practicing alone.
I don't think he needs to worry about Mr. Hara.
Shall...

Shall...
...I...
...give you...
...singing lessons...
...until the festival?
HE SEEMED SURPRISED.
STRUMMM


O...KAY.
Waahh!
Death growl
KLANG
KAKLANG
HE...
... SAID SO.
Why don't we go eat ramen at Ippu?
Do you mean Placebo? Why don't you practice your guitar?
You sound like Spacebo
My band is not really a band.
Copy band
THEN...
...HE NODDED.
THRUM
STRUM
BAMLAN
TO BE HONEST...
...I WAS SURPRISED AT MYSELF FOR MAKING SUCH AN OFFER.
To him
O...
...KAY.
DING
DONG
You're out of tune there.

Here.
There's a flat, so you go down a half step.
So...
...it'll be a regular Mi.
Mi?
Isn't Mi here?
That's Mi in G.
G?
Let's go!
Let's go!
Maybe...
This is Do.
Do...
...Ti...
...
...La...
...
Sol...
...
Fa...
Do you have to do them one by one?
That's too slow!
...it's not because you can't see the board, but because you can't read the notes.
Or you don't have a sense for music
I can read music.

He's funny.
He got mad.
Okay.
Let's not follow the notes.
Repeat after me.
Sing.
Oh...
Urg.
From the second part, we will divide into alto and tenor.
Aren't you...
...a tenor?
Because you can't sing that low
Why not tenor and bass?

DO NOT ENTER
I can sing alto, too.
Besides ...
...It's better to practice in harmony.
I see.
What do you mean *you guess*?
... Kusakabe is good?
No.
Well, I guess I did.
You just thought ...
You're still wearing your uniform.
Where did the band Big Mac Police disappear to?
I want a Big Mac.
You're often late these days.
I want ramen.
Let me buy you McDonald's.
FWIP

I'm glad you guys finished on time.
You're rude.
Anyway...
...we all practiced hard to make you cry!
WA HA HA
You can do it if you try hard. You *almost* made me cry.
I was worried about Class A.
Make me cry at the festival. I'll bring tissues.
WA HA HA
We don't wanna see a man cry.
Buy us some-thing.
How about sodas?
Just sodas?
WA HA HA

FWIP
Let's do it again for the last time.
BOO
That wasn't the last time just now?
Perfect.
KLINK

You helped me a lot.
Thanks.
Here.
Thanks.
This won't be enough, but it's our last practice.
Did you...
Gulp
Gulp
Gulp

...put so much effort into singing because of him?
Oh.
Oh no.
Oh.
Don't.
I can...
...pick it...
GLUP GLUP
Huh?!

...up.

Oops!
S-
Sorry.
Umm...
This is -
Bye.
TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP
すたたたたたたたたー
SPOOSH
ROLL
ROLL
KTUNK
Oh...
K-
Kusa-kabe...!
This is...
...not...
... good.
I COULD FEEL...
...THE CARBONATION.
HIS HIGH AND...
...HUSKY VOICE.
But all that is...

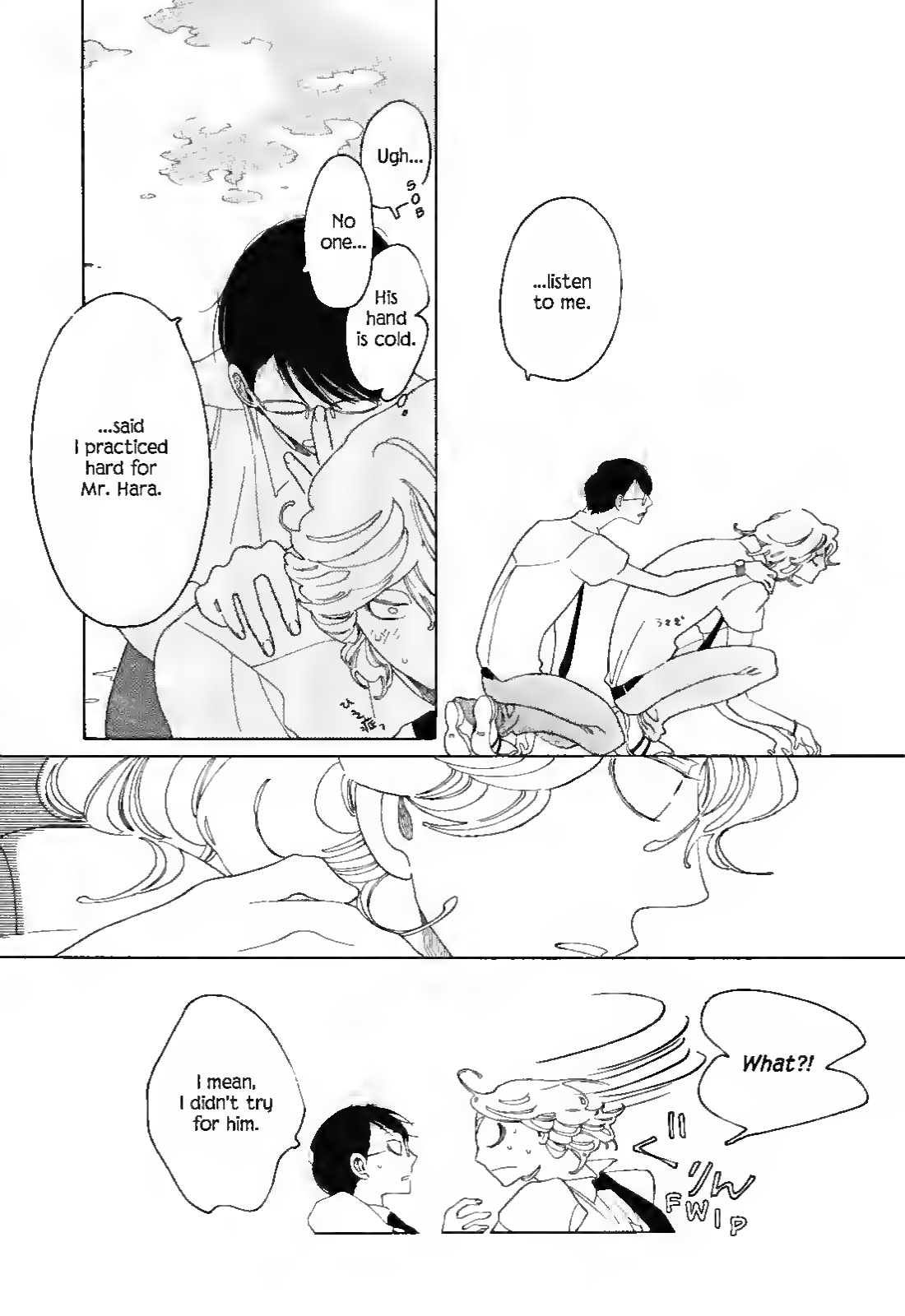
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR FESTIVAL
高校合唱祭
...FOR HIM.
...die.
It sucks.
I want to...
We're even in the same class
CHATTER
ざわ
...
Program item seven, Class 2A...
...Green Leaves Upon Leaves.
CHATTER
ざわ
TINKLE
TINK
TINK
SWIP
...vivid green leaves upon leaves.
You turn around and see...

Someday we'll come here...
...when we are older.
And I will...
...see green...
He's...
...singing all right.
That's good.
...in your eyes.

Wow.
Wow...
Wow!
Huh?
Kusakabe?

Kusakabe!
Huh?
Sajo...
What's going on?
They left.
We're still on stage.
This is like a TV show
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
What...
What's the matter all of a sudden?!
HUFF
HUFF
Go back right now or Mr. Hara will worry about you.
Why are you talking about Mr. Hara?
B-
Because I think I like you.
Wait!

It's like I was sending salt to the enemy.
I can't stop now.
Because ...?
I'm stupid.
Kusa-kabe?
I mean... ughh!
I mean...
...never mind.
Forget about...
This is terri-ble.
Kusa-kabe?
Kusa-kabe?
...me.
Kusakabe...
Ughh!
But I know you practiced hard for Mr. Hara!


Ugh...
SOB
No one...
His hand is cold.
...said I practiced hard for Mr. Hara.
...listen to me.
I mean, I didn't try for him.
What?!
FWIP

But...
...s...
...singing with you...
Singing with me is what?
No.
Nothing.
The rest of the sentence is...
important
No.
Nothing.
Kusakabe!!
Sajo!!

Hey!
Show yourselves!
Oh.
Hurry.
Hurry.
Huh?
Kusakabe!!
Sajo!!
KA-CHAK
I thought they went this way.
Why don't you check that way?
Okay.
I will check this way.
I don't know what they were thinking, but they sure caused some trouble
We should go back now.
Let's finish...
...the rest of your sentence.
...but will your glasses be in your way when you kiss?
I...
...told you it's...
...nothing.
The other day was like an accident...

What?
...but how come Sajo ran after him?
I guess they won't be in the way.
BOTTLES
We don't care about Kusakabe...

Summer – End

Japanese Classics
One Hundred Waka Poems
Assembled by Fujiwara no Teika
Assembled in 1225 (Bunreki 2).
These waka were assembled by
Fujiwara no Teika from the Emperor
Tenji collection of One Hundred Poets
I HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE.
Does everyone have a printout?
The First Poem
The rush mats of autumnal rice overhead
Are joined unevenly
Moistening my sleeves with the dew
~Emperor Tenji
Let's read this poem as a love poem.
First, it's autumn ...
HE WEARS THE SAME UNIFORM AND...
...THE SAME SHOES AS ME.
And... ... imagine a shed in the middle of a rice field.
The roof of the shed is roughly made from...
HE'S IN THE SAME CLASS AND...
...IS THE SAME AGE.
So the water drops...
...and while I wait for you, my sleeves get wet.

秋 Autumn

Has anything happened between you and Sajo?
...you guys walk home together these days.
Umm...
I don't care, but...
...I mean... ...that...
...Sajo is different from us.
Anything?
What do you mean?
...just now in Japanese Classics, you were staring at each other.
I mean...
And also...

Don't laugh.
People are talking about you in that way.
What kind of laugh is that?
I guess.
Oh ho ha!
Different?
Looking at you two together...
Do we look funny?
What is *that way*?
I mean...

...things happen at a boys' school.
I'll be...
...fine from here on.

Until the corner then.
My cram school is right on that corner.
I can go a little farther.
PLIP
PLIP
Your sleeve...

If I'm alone, I don't usually use an umbrella.
I'm all right.
Your right shoulder is soaking wet.
Move the umbrella toward you.
Huh?
A long time ago...
...like when we were in elementary school, we heard that acid rain will make you go bald.
No one talks about that anymore, but I imagine the rain these days is worse.
Umm...
I guess so.

KLANG
Can I kiss you?
No.
.....
KLANG
.....
.....
GRIP

No, we're not.
You'll get wet
Aren't we a couple?
Why not?
Oh
I told you no!!
But we kiss.
Uncritical of himself
Do you kiss someone whom you're not dating?
Do you?
Huh?
Then we won't anymore.
What?
TEMP

Never again.
Ugh.
I DIDN'T MEAN...
...TO END THE STORY LIKE THIS.
It's lonely holding an umbrella alone
I DIDN'T...
CAREER COUNSELOR
Why did you sigh?
It doesn't matter if they're stupid schools.
You just need to fill in three choices.
Ugh ...
He doesn't care.
How come he can be a career counselor?

You...
He looked better before plastic surgery
Every time you talk, you talk about love, sex, and rock 'n' roll.
Wait another 20 years.
You can do all those things after you have decided on your career.
You can't turn in a blank paper
The rush mats of autumnal rice overhead ...
What?
The rush mats ...
...and what's next?
... of autumnal rice overhead...
Rush mats?
The rush mats of autumnal rice...
What are you talking about?
We learned this the other day.
The rush mats ...
You and Sajo...
.....

But recently...
Did we look that way? It's none of your business.
...were getting along not long ago.
I mean...
...until a little bit ago.
I guess...
...not.
But I've known Sajo since he was a freshman.
DING DONG

DING
DONG
He's smart, so he was already talked about among the teachers.
When you go back to the classroom ...
Well...
...lunch break is over.
I'VE KNOWN SAJO SINCE HE WAS A FRESHMAN.
"THE RUSH MATS OF..."
"... AUTUMNAL RICE OVERHEAD ..."
He's...
...Sajo to visit me here.
... ask...

2 - A
...not nice.
"ARE JOINED..."
"... UNEVENLY ..."
TUMP
Hey...
...Sajo...
SWIP
You don't need to ignore me.

Aren't you overly self-conscious?
Oh...
...I didn't mean to say that.
Umm
Are they gonna fight?
What's that?
M...
Mr. Hara ...
...wants to see you in his office...

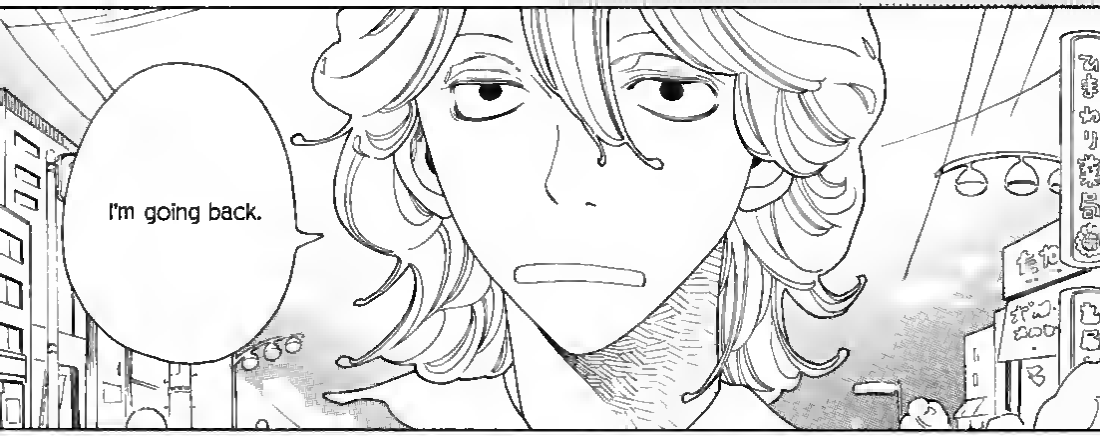
WHY?
Let's go home.
Okay.
HOW DID THINGS GET LIKE THIS?
But...
He was mad.
...the same as Shaina.
.....
The voice of Koro-suke is...
...it's his fault for ignoring me first.
They are showing a rerun of *Kiteretsu*.

I MEAN...
The rush mats of autumnal ...
Huh?
...rice overhead, are joined unevenly ...
Right?
Kusakabe was saying that.
Never mind.
I don't really need to talk to you about your career.
If you can just keep your grades the way they are, you can enter the college you want.
You just need to stay healthy.
Did he break your heart?

What?
Because you seem down.
I know you were dating Kusakabe.
ガタ
But we're both boys.
Or are you still dating?
Have you got a lighter?
No.
Do you know what it means to date a man?

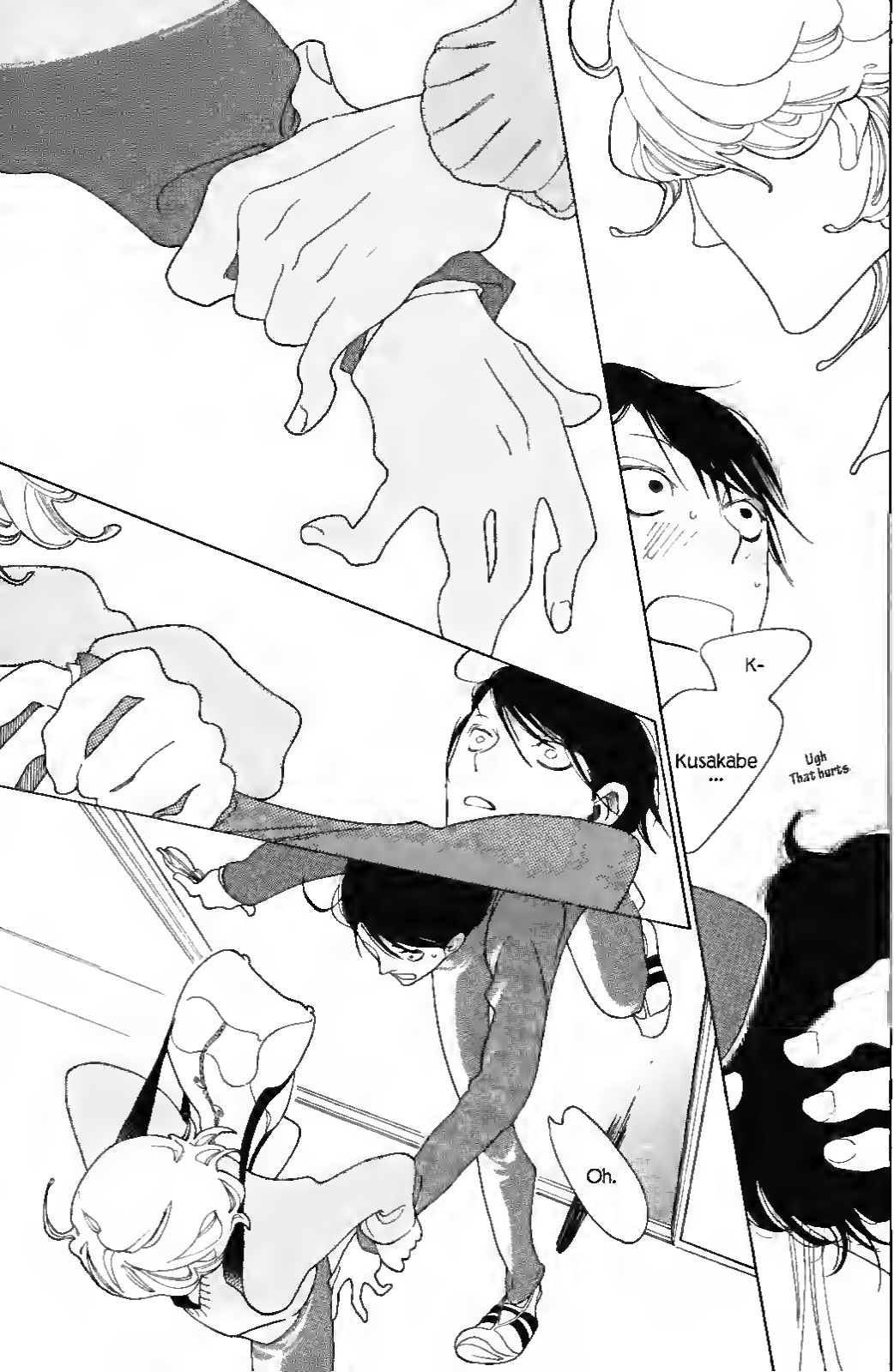
...
they start seeing women around...
If you are straight, you soon chase after women.
Huh?
Sajo...
...but Kusakabe is not like that.
YEAR '04
YEAR '05
After they graduate from here and become free...

SAJO IS DIFFERENT FROM US.



RATTLE
"... MOISTENING..."
... he was...
... almost crying.
"...UNEVENLY..."
"...ARE JOINED..."
Rather than...
...mad...
"...RICE OVERHEAD..."
"THE RUSH MATS OF AUTUMNAL..."
School.
Aren't we going home?
Huh?
Going back?
To where?
What?
Did you forget something?

"...MY SLEEVES..."
Ugh...
Ugh!
TOMP
TOMP
TOMP


K-
Kusakabe
...
Ugh
That hurts
Oh.

Hey...
...
Kusakabe.
You're
...
...hurting
me.

WHAP
Sorry.
That's not what I want to hear.
That's not what I meant.
The rush mats...

...of autumnal rice overhead...
...are joined...
...unevenly...
...moisten ing...
...my sleeves...
With the dew.

Now I feel better.
That's right!
The last part is the most important one.
You're funny.
Sajo?
Huh?
I'm serious ...
Umm... Would...
... you...

...be my boyfriend?
DO YOU KNOW...

"THE RUSH MATS..."
Umm... I mean ...
No? Huh?
...WHAT IT MEANS TO DATE A MAN?
Does he know?
Your sweat is dripping.
"...MOISTENING..."
He's sweating.
"...OF AUTUMNAL RICE OVERHEAD...
...ARE JOINED UNEVENLY..."

"...MY SLEEVES WITH THE DEW."
He must have had something on his hand?!
KYAAH
Blood?!

Autumn – End

He said he has known you...
...since you were a freshman.
TUMP
Huh?
Who said that?
.....
Mr. Hara?
Mr. Hara.
MANABU HARA.
A TEACHER AT TOFU DAIICHI HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE ANYONE WHO CAN SPELL THEIR NAME CAN BECOME A TEACHER.
TEACHES MUSIC.
That probably means...
...he was the first person I met at this school.

【はじめての人】

His First

Huh?
What kind of description is that?
Nothing deep.
He's was just the first person I met
OF COURSE...
...THERE'S NO DEEP MEANING.
AT LEAST...
...THERE ISN'T...
...ANYMORE.
A LITTLE OVER ONE YEAR AGO.
Umm...
ENTRANCE CEREMONY
Each of you new students ...
...at this school...
I'VE PREFERRED MEN, SINCE A LONG TIME AGO.
Umm...

I AM WHAT PEOPLE CALL...
...GAY.
YAWN
...I hope you will spend a fulfilling three years here...
...umm...
SO...
...I BECAME A TEACHER AT A BOYS' SCHOOL.
...with all your strength.
MIXING MY PRIVATE LIFE WITH WORK LIKE THAT...
...PEOPLE MIGHT THINK I COULD CHOOSE ANY BOY.
That's...
..what I think.
But this can't be called...
...a feast for my eyes.
I don't understand what the principal is talking about either

Hmph!
Luke
GEH HA HA HA
You're stupid
But he's stupid.
You're wrong
Frank Oz's Yoda is like this
This one is cute.
What about you?
He's too dark.
OR THIS ONE...
Mokomichi is so-so
THIS ONE...
Not Zaku
Too old.
They don't take care of themselves.
THEY'RE WASTING THEIR YOUTH.
They're smelly and dirty
Mr. Hara!
His parents are both working and no one is home.
We decided to bring him to school and have him rest.
What? If he needs someone to pick him up, why doesn't he just go home?
Umm... One of the students fainted at the station.
He's a freshman.
Could you go pick him up?
What is it?

TEACHERS PARKING
Umm ...
See? You're younger than we are!
I AM 35.
AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS, TEACHERS DON'T TRANSFER FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL.
MY POSITION IS ALWAYS AT THE BOTTOM.
Ah.
Oh, no. I forgot ... ...the key.
Ugh
It's tiring going back to... ...the office.
Well... ...this will do.
When was the last time I rode it?
CRIK
CRIK
CRIK
CRIK

KTUNK
Station
KA-CHAK
Sorry.
I'm late.
I'm Hara, from Toichi High...
UGH
HUFF HUFF
Are you the teacher?
Thank you for coming.
I heard a loud sound, and you're sweating
My strength is gone.
Hey.
Good for you.
The teacher has come.

Sexual assault!
GASP
That can't be true.
Don't leave anything behind.
Okay ...
Thanks.
It was for loosening his belt.
My adrenaline went up because of the bike ride.
Your teacher came all this way. Say thank you to him.
Huh?
Oh...
Thanks.

Station
Yes.
Sorry.
I usually drive.
But I got lazy
KLEEK
Can you hold on to me?
Or I can call a taxi
Can you walk?
KLIK
KLAK
Umph!

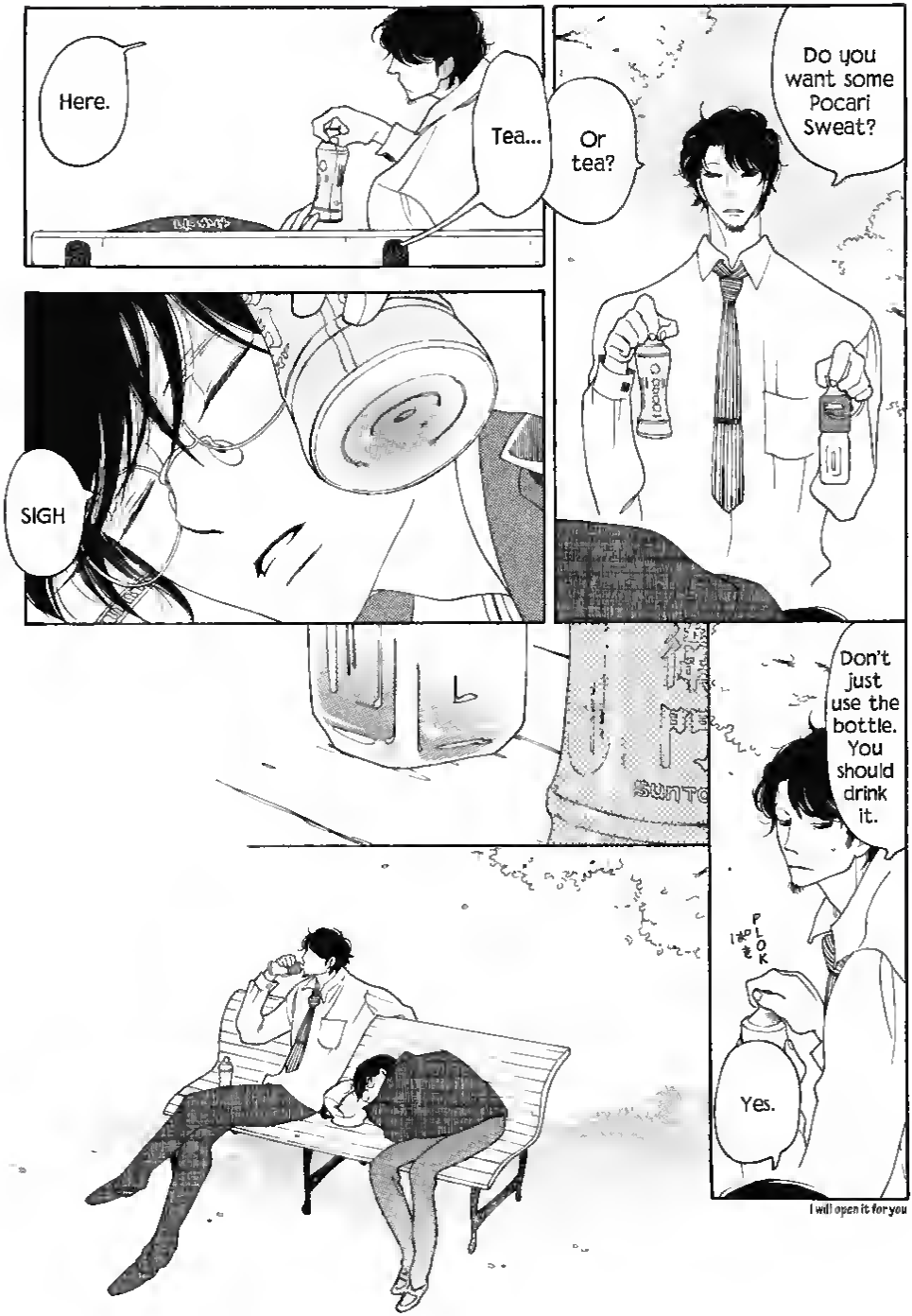
SKWEEZ
Okay.
This is not bad.
Okay. Let's go.
Let me know if you feel sick.

VSSH
CRIK
CRIK
CRIK
CRIK
CRIK
My bad.
But what was your name?

Rihito.
I'm Sajo.
Sajo what?
... parents ... ... Christian?
The teachers were so happy
Are your ...
Having such a smart kid at our school ...
Rihito Sajo...
I remember now.
He's the one who got a perfect score on the entrance exam.
?
My grandpa is.
So your grandfather named you.
It means "light" in German.
"Licht."
"Let there be light!"
How about...

Manabu Hara.
I don't have a cool name.
Huh?
...you?
What is your name?
My name ...
Ma-nabu Hara.
Both of my parents were teachers.
They probably wanted me to learn a lot
For two generations, my family's nickname has been Hara-sen.
Mister ...
... Hara ... ... excuse me...

SPSSH
BLEAGH!
BLEAGH!
BLEAGH!
BLEAGH!
BLEAGH!
BLEAGH!
Do you feel better now?
Here.
Wash your mouth.
Mmph!
Peh!
Phew...
...HUFF phew...
Good boy.



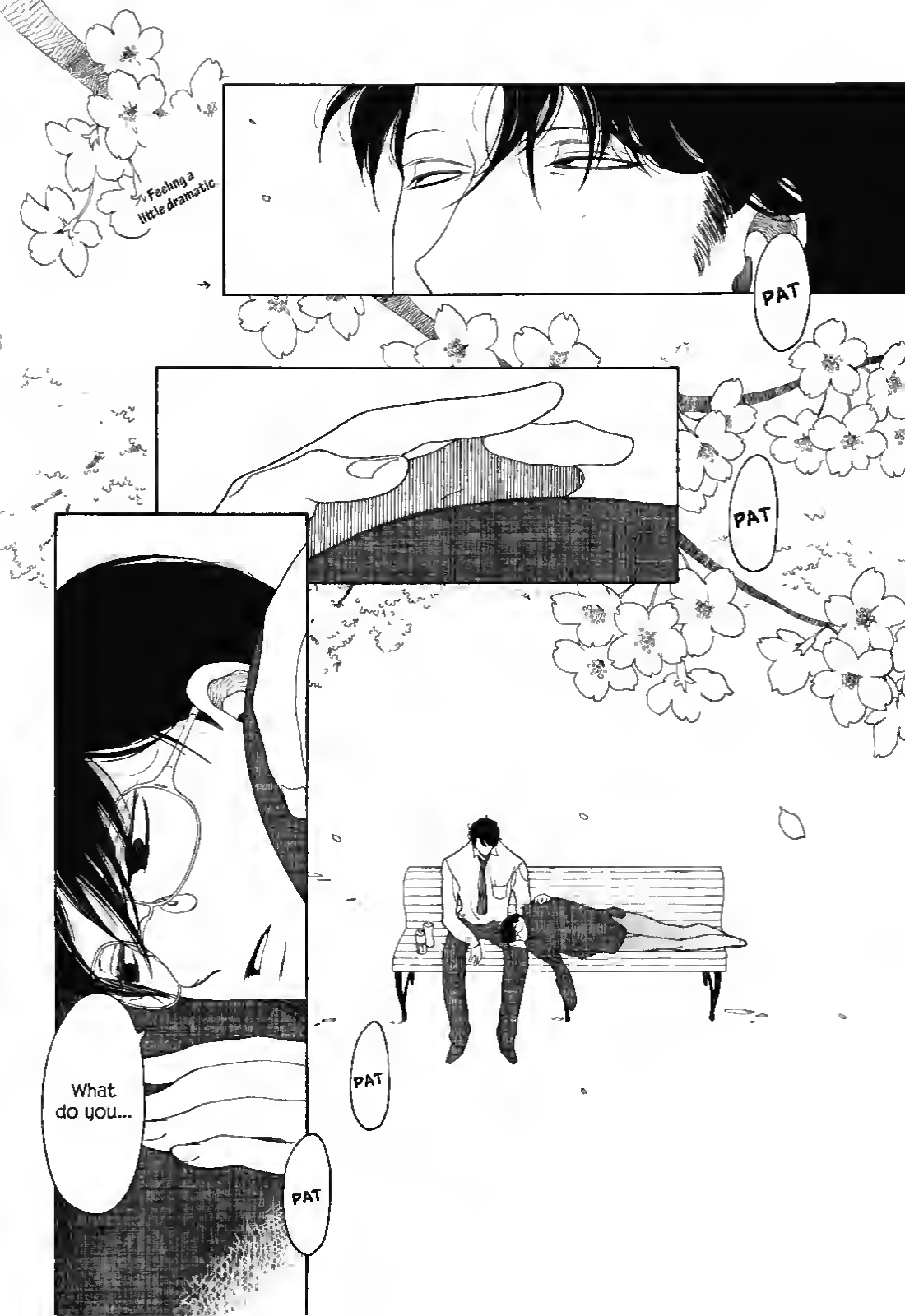
I will open it for you

Do you get motion sickness on trains?
.....
I used to...
.....

...be okay...
...before.
But on the day of the entrance exam...
...I passed out.
Since then...
...I haven't been able to ride them.
I failed all the exams for the schools I wanted to attend.

My parents were...
...really disappointed.
I mean ...
...not only my parents ...
...but also...
...I was dis-appointed in myself for that.
Every-thing went wrong.
I...
...can't help thinking...
...about everything negatively.

Huh?
Wh...
What?!
Calm down.
Stretch your legs
What?
Isn't it embarrass-ing?
It's okay.
Huh?
Just relax.


Feeling a little dramatic
PAT
PAT
What do you...
PAT
PAT

PAT
...teach?
Music.
Music?
People tell me I don't look like a music teacher.
Your patting has a nice rhythm to it.
PAT
Ha ha!
That's not true.
PAT

...WHAT IS THIS?
PAT
PAT
MY HEART IS...
...POUNDING.
S...
PAT
OH...

Sajo...
Have you got a lighter?
BUT WE'RE TEACHER AND STUDENT.
No, I don't.
I'M AN ADULT. I CAN WAIT UNTIL HE GRADUATES.
That's what I thought.
RATTLE

Go home now!
I GOT...
Mr Hara! We're leaving
He must have followed us.
...A LITTLE CARELESS.
It's time to go home!!

His First – End

ZUGOKKU
The Last Concert
With pop melodies and heavy guitar, Zugokku has attracted many fans. This is their last performance!!
SUGUMATORE
Isn't this too much?
We're not a one-man band.
We've been doing this for at least two years.
And we have fans.
Fans ...?
We should do something...
...to commemorate the end of our band.
To commemorate...
?
These are your flyers to give out to people.
I'm leaving now.
Why are you hiding?
SAJO DOESN'T LIKE MY FRIENDS.

【ばかと大馬鹿】

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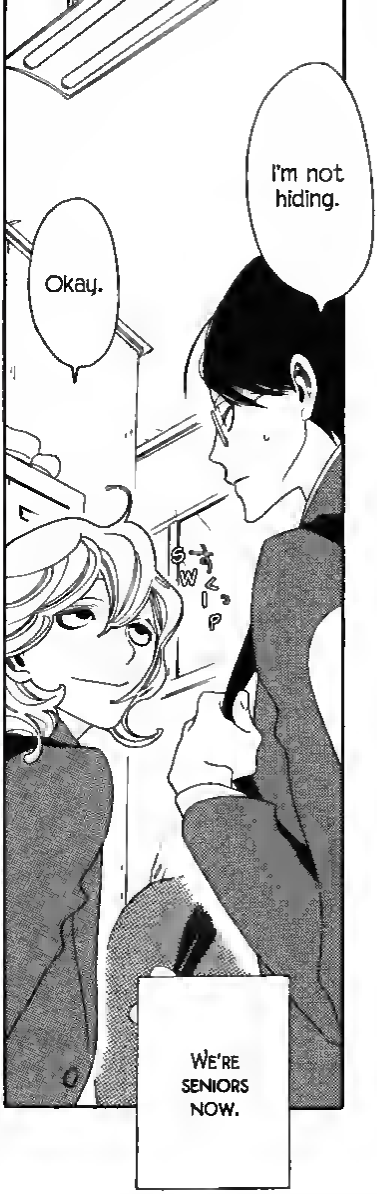
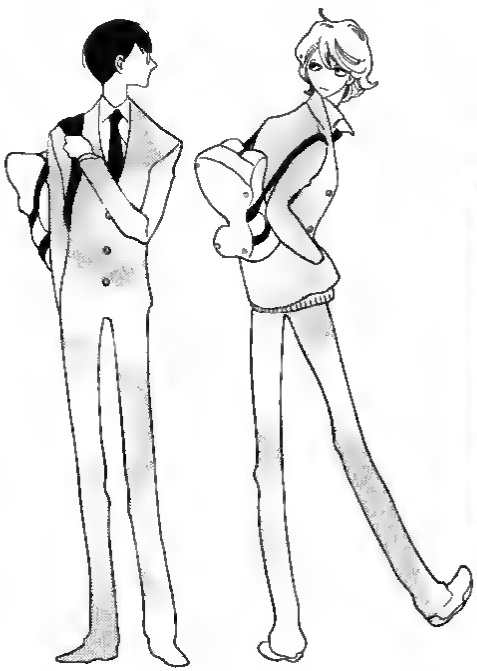
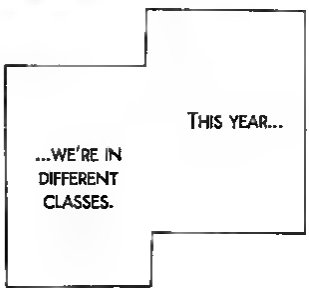


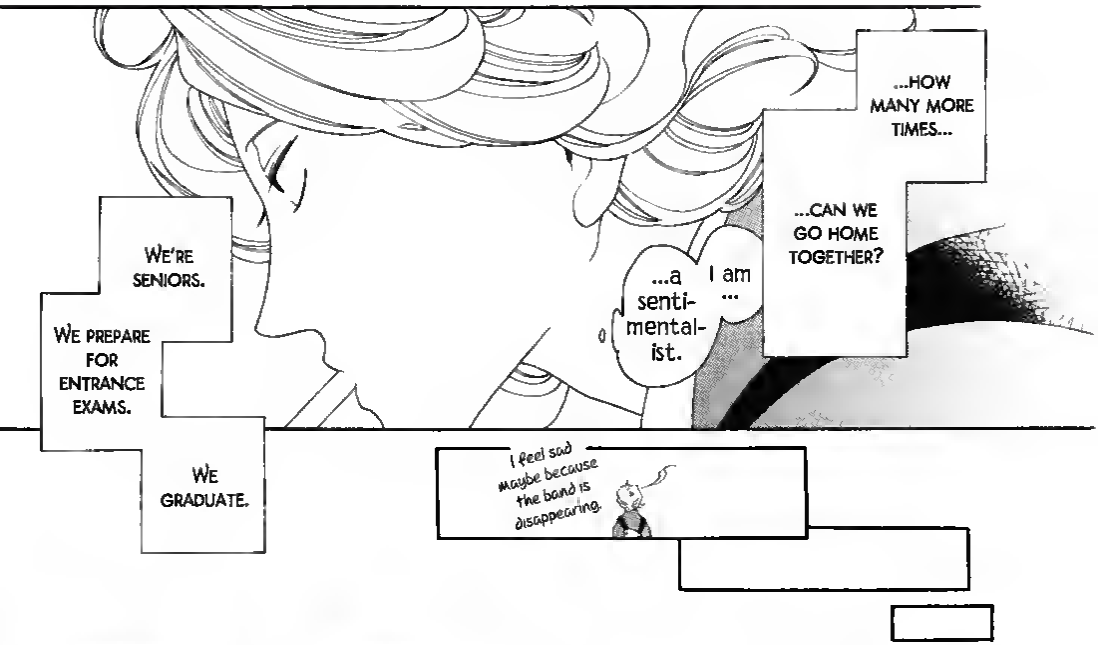


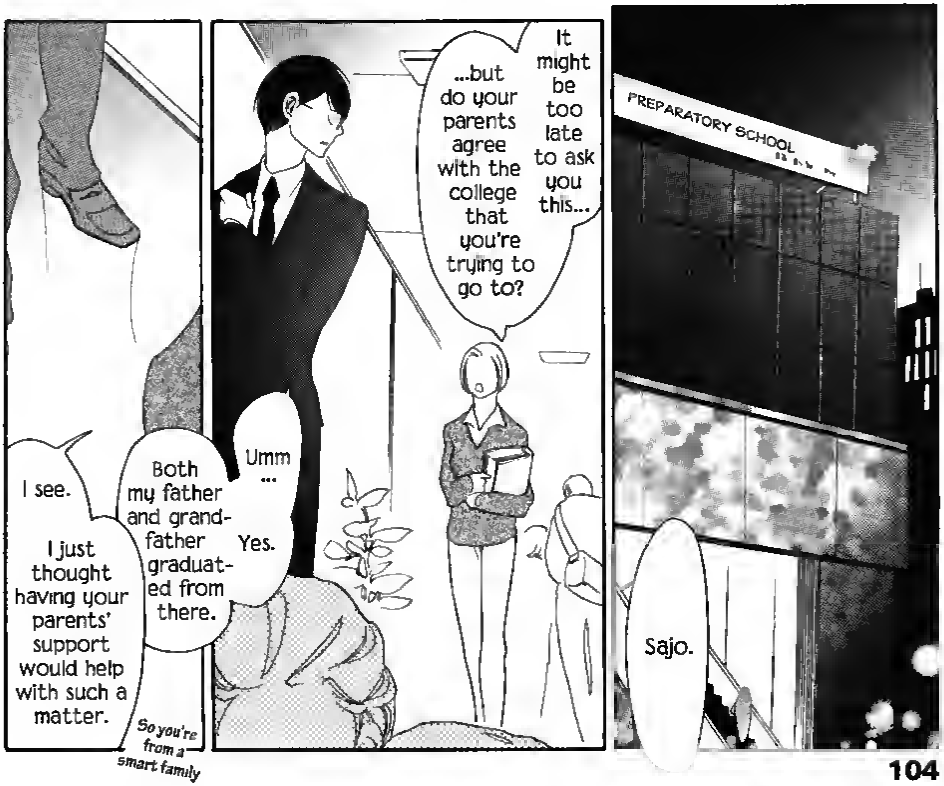


Breaking up?
It's not a big deal.
Is that because you need to study for entrance exams?
I guess so.
The singer is...
...and he's my friend from junior high...
...from another school...
The members of the band are all childhood friends.
He's going to take the entrance exam...
...for a college far from here.
Far...
So I guess this'll be our last performance as Zugokku.
Umm...
Have you decided on your ...?
Oh, right.
Do you wanna come?

Huh?
You never come.
I guess I've never asked you.
Here.
This is the last performance.
KLIK
KLAK
LIMITED HEIGHT 4 m
All night?
All night.
Until five o'clock in the morning.
Zugokku goes on at one.
Come after cram school
We play the whole night through.
I can't.
It's on Friday. I have cram school.
Where is it...?
Kichijoji.

Ki...
Kichi-joji.
Yes, Kichijoji.
If you have time.
Can you come?
Umm...
Yes.
Station
See you later.
ED HEIGHT 4 m
HE SAID...
..."SEE YOU LATER."
BUT...


WE'RE SENIORS.
WE PREPARE FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS.
WE GRADUATE.
...a sentimentalist.
I am ...
...HOW MANY MORE TIMES...
...CAN WE GO HOME TOGETHER?
I feel sad maybe because the band is disappearing.


I see.
I just thought having your parents' support would help with such a matter.
Both my father and grandfather graduated from there.
Umm ...
Yes.
...but do your parents agree with the college that you're trying to go to?
It might be too late to ask you this...
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Sajo.

You'll need to leave the house and go live by yourself.
SIGH
Is this the place?
CREAK

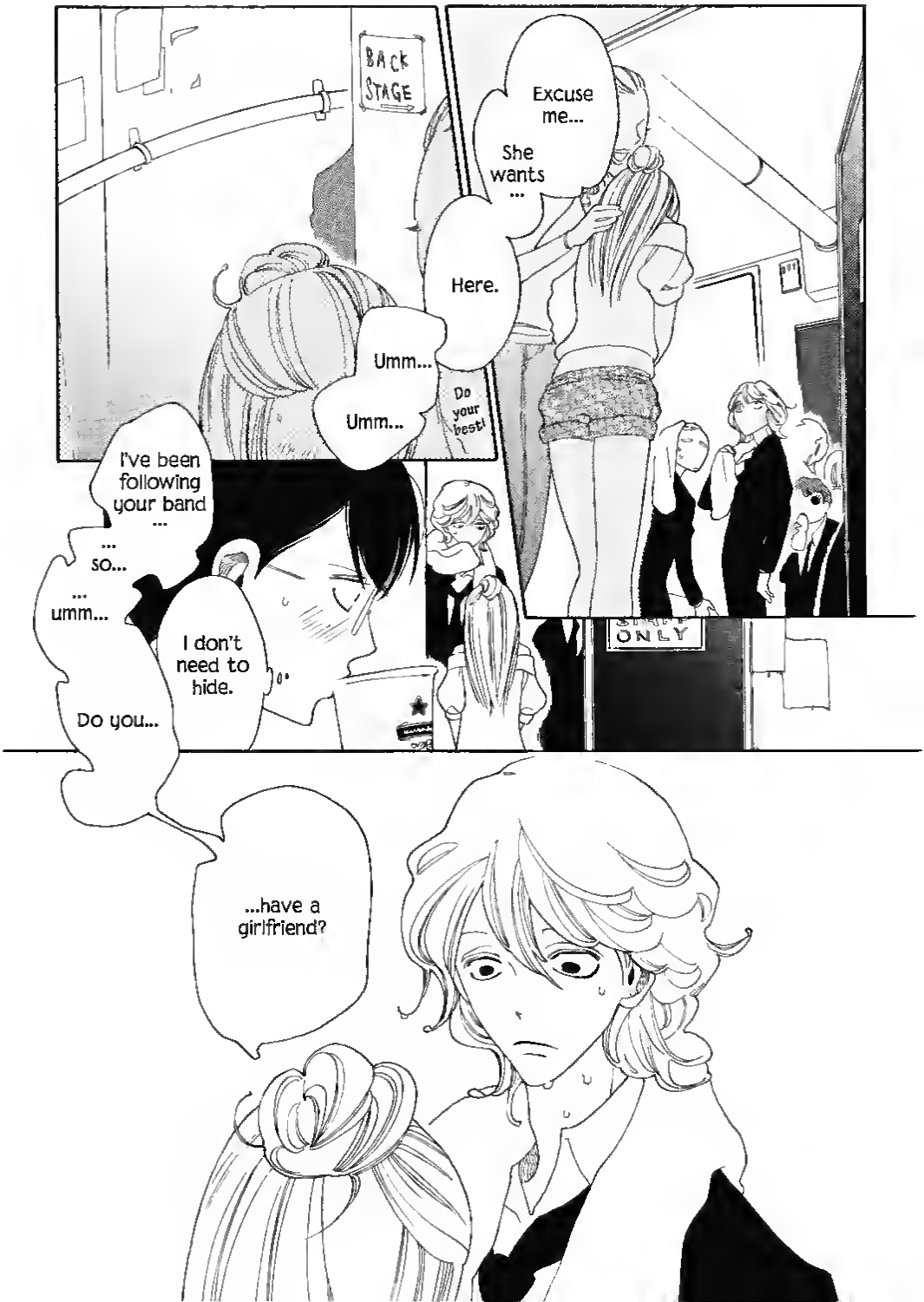
KABANG
KRANG
KLANG
Hello.
So which band did you come to see?
Umm...
Uh...
Zu-Zugokku ...
...?
That'll be 2,500 yen.
Let me put a stamp on you.
Here.
This is a free drink ticket.
Hey!
Please sign in...
... here!
Terrible worry and regret
The stamp glows

Oh...
A beer, please.
Okay. Beer.
What do you want?
.....
I'm out of place here
It's bitter.
Tonight is...
GLUG
I said a beer.
Next! What do you want?
But the vocalist is not that cool.
Yeah. I like the guitar player.
What was his name?
Hikaru.
Their vocalist is quitting.
Did they disagree about something?
...the last night for Zu-gokku.
Really?

Hikaru Kusakabe.

This is your last chance.
Hey.
Where's your courage?
...we've never even talked...
But...
Hey...
...you won't be able to see...
...Hikaru on stage anymore.
I'm not saying you should confess your feelings!
Just make a memory with him!
There!
WA HA HA
He fell
Is he okay?

Who told us to wear suits?!
Ugh!
It's hot!
I did.
It was a great show!
I think tonight was the best ever.
What a pity to end like this.
Don't complain.
He was here.
Your...
My ...?
Parents?
What?
No.
Sajo.
Really...?!
Hikaru!


BACK STAGE
Excuse me...
She wants ...
Here.
Umm...
Umm...
Do your best!
I've been following your band ...
... so...
... umm...
Do you...
I don't need to hide.
ONLY
...have a girlfriend?

BA-BUMP
Oh...
I mean ...
Umm...
A girlfriend?
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
I don't care...
... but...
... umm...
BA-BUMP
Can we exchange e-mail addresses?
No!
BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP
I don't like this!
BA-BUMP
Ugh...
What is this?
Oh...
I wouldn't...
...
umm...
BA-BUMP
I don't like this!
BA-BUMP
I don't like this.
...
send you...
...weird mail.
BA-BUMP
Stop it...
Umm...
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
...now.
I don't like this!
It doesn't have to be meaningful.
It hurts.
If you don't mind...
Okay.

You don't need to cry.
Do you use Docomo?
Let's see...
You're popular.
You made a girl cry?
To see Sajo?
Huh?
I'm leaving now.
Hey...
...you and Sajo...
.....
R...
Really?!
Lucky you!

BEEP
Sajo ...?
BEEP
BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP
Where?
BEEP
KUSAKABE
◁ DENY ▷
TEST
BEEP
It hurts.
PARK ENTRANCE
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
GULP
BVVT
BVVT
GAH
TOSS

It hurts.
... stop this.
I need to...
PUMP
I can stop it now.
I can forget him
I'll imagine that nothing happened between us.

BVVT
BVVT
BEEP
Hello?
PUBLIC PHONE
RECEIVING
Where are you?
I'm...
...at the...
... park...
... in a sand-box
CHAK
DAM
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP

Huh?
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
Ugh!
Ouchy!
Ouchy!
THOK
WHOK
POW
WHAK

Let me go.
No.
Let me...
.....
.....
FWIP

What?
Me?
Did you drink?
I don't know.
SNIFF
SNIFF
You're so popular ...
... Hikaru.
.....
Was I cool?
I don't know.
Was I cool?
I don't know.
Are you happy with me?

You don't need to be...
...with such a dark...
...book-worm...
...who wears glasses...
...and is a guy.
You don't have to...
Sajo...
Don't piss me off.

You!
Just kidding. I won't get mad. I won't get mad at you.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Kusa-kabe ...?
You...
You...
You...
You...
You!!
SKWEEN

I don't understand you!
You study too much!
You really do!
I worried about you so much.
I thought we were over.
Chakra poke
You idiot!
You think too much!
You...
...work yourself up thinking about everything negatively!!
You!
You're a trouble-maker!!
You idiot!
You idiot!!
Don't do that.
I thought I'd die!
Oh.
This is bad for my heart.
You rejected my calls.
You're saying nonsense
You're stupid!
Not used to it.
Don't call me an idiot.
The best...

I like you the best.
Are you...
He's drunk.
There, there
SKWEEZ
...seri-ous?
A popular ...guy like you?
Popular?
He's so cute so cute I could die

SHF
?
Your hand is moving on my back.
This is just your...
... punishment.
Huh?
Only your back.
RUB
Your vertebrae line up nicely.
...
One ...
... two ...
RUB
Oh.
TWITCH
Your backbone is nice.
.....
Three ...
RUB
Hey ...
These are your shoulder blades.
SWEEN

.....
Shoulder blades used to be wings.
HEH
Huh?
HEH
HEH
There's a story like that.
...
I don't know about that.
Kusa-kabe...
... that tickles.
It does?
NOD
NOD
I don't know.
Is it just tickly?
Are you sure it's just tickly?
HEH

N...
No! No!
I recorded it in my head!
Oh!
Huh?
Are you stupid?!
Now I can remember it anytime!
I did it in my head!
THE BEST...
It was a nice day today.
I had a memorable day for the breakup of my band.
You idiot!!
He's used to it.

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【二度目の夏】 The Second Summer

Sajo...
What are you doing during summer break?
I'm taking summer courses.
What about during Bon?
Don't you have a break?
We visit...
...my grand-parents' house every year.
How about you? Don't you need to go to a cram school?
Won't you miss me?
You will want to see me.

...so.
I guess...
RECENTLY...
...
HE LETS ME...
...KISS HIM MORE HEAVILY.

KISS
AT FIRST...
...HE GETS NERVOUS...
...AND STAYS STIFF.
But...
...soon he relaxes.
I mean ...
SHUV
...he gets hot.
...he melts.
I mean ...
Did you...
see?
You did, too
What do you mean ... I saw?
Like seeing a ghost?
IT'S SUMMER.
WE SHOULD LET THE HEAT HELP US GROW UP.
It's been a year since we started dating.

ALL WE'VE DONE IS KISS.
Sajo, too.
He should put forth more... effort.
FACILIT
That's sad
Or doesn't he want to?
Mister ~~
...Hara.
RATTLE
I have a question for you.
I hate this guy.
Your hair is getting too long
It's weird. What? you being nice.
You gave me a chill!
His brain is...
... boiling!!
Because of... the heat!!
Whew! It sure is hot today! Such heat!!
はっ HA はっ HA はっ HA
SHUV
Umm... What is it like to do that with a man?

Are you an idiot?
It's the summer of your senior year. You should be busy studying for entrance exams.
But you're feeling frisky.
No. It's just you're a professional on this matter.
I thought you could teach me a lot.
That kind of book?
Of course, it has a part about how to make the hole bigger.
Too many details
Taking a big poop already hurts
It was a manga. But I wondered if it would really go in so smoothly.
If your sister finds out that you've read it, she will kill you.
That's only in the manga world
I mean...
Stop talking about poop
Hey.
...I'm sure Sajo is virgin.
HA HA
You have a point
I see.
I looked at that kind of book...
...that my sister had...

SIGH
..it's okay for you to feel frisky, but...
Well ...
...think about the timing.
Consider his health, too.
Huh?
I don't know how to go easy on someone
Are you worried about me forcing him (?) and...
I guess he is skinny.
... upsetting his health?
Like...
...hurting his back?
Like covering him with cotton?
Umm
Are you just a stupid teenager?
He's...
You're dirty
... studying for Kyoto ...

VWSSHH
I shouldn't press my luck like this.
©Rakuens
Wow! Bingo!
Yeah.
Do you mean Kyoto University?
Kyoto what?
Oh.

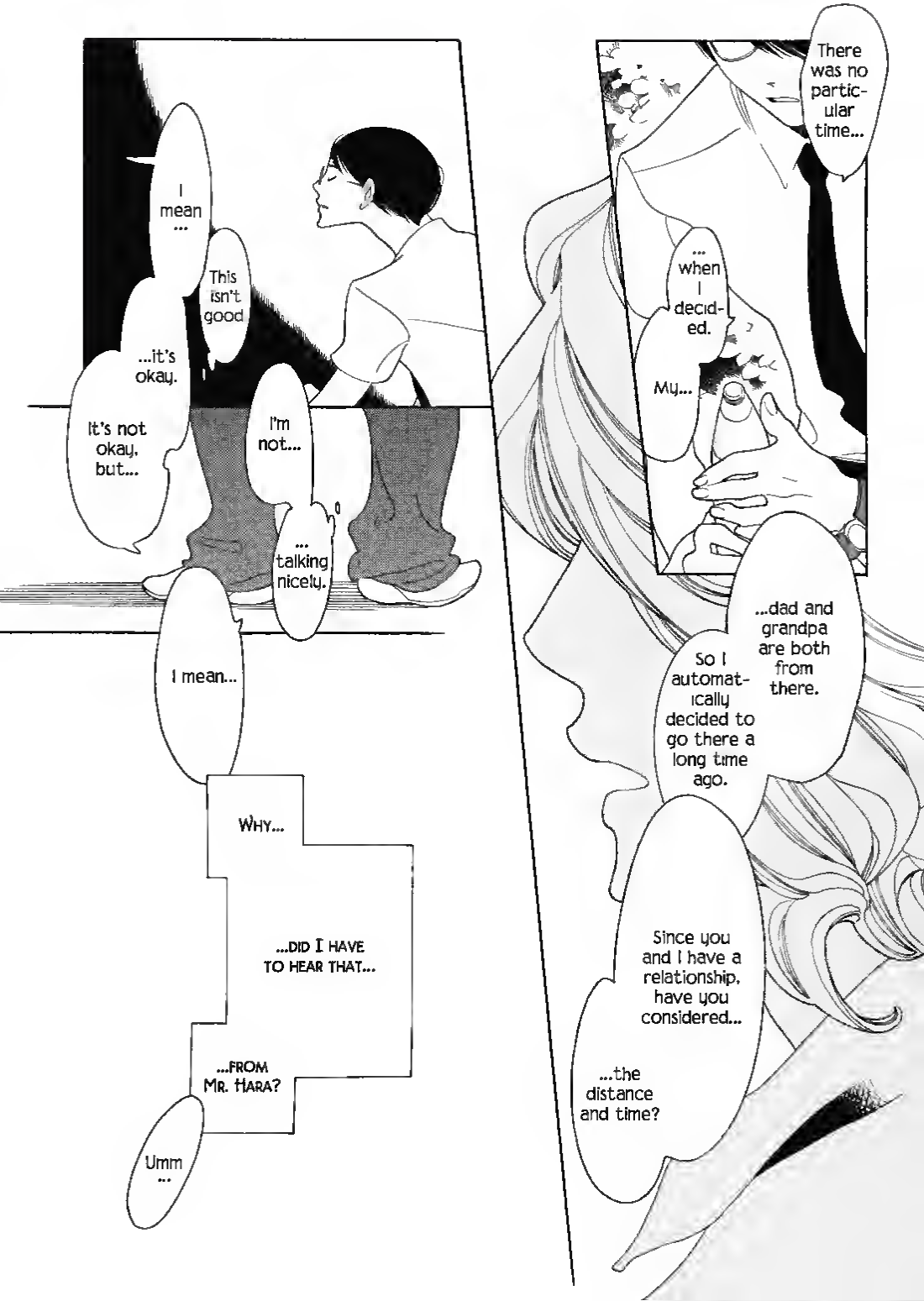
Kyoto?!
It just slipped out.
Is Kyoto University in Kyoto?
Of course.
Oh, no.
He didn't tell me that!!
I see.
Oh, no.
Sorry
TORY SCHOOL

Hey.
KTUNK
FIZZ
FIZZ
Oh.
This one...
...has lemon flavor now.

TWIST
TWIST
TWIST
BURRPP
...
Are you applying to Kyoto University?

Where did you ...?
Well ...
...Mr. Hara told me.
But...
...I guess...
...an acci-dent.
...it was like...
I don't need...
...to protect Mr. Hara anyway.
I see.

STRRCH
STRRCH
.....
Ugh ...
I see!
I see! I see!
When did you decide?


I mean ...
This isn't good
...it's okay.
It's not okay, but...
I'm not...
... talking nicely.
I mean...
WHY...
...DID I HAVE TO HEAR THAT...
...FROM MR. HARA?
Umm ...
There was no particular time...
... when I decided.
My...
So I automatically decided to go there a long time ago.
...dad and grandpa are both from there.
Since you and I have a relationship, have you considered...
...the distance and time?

Why didn't you tell me face-to-face?
WHY...?
If I hadn't heard this by chance...
...I wouldn't have known about it until...
...we separated.
That's not true!
You're wrong!
I was going to...

...tell you...
...somehow.
But...
...I mean...
...I didn't have...
...a chance.
Does that mean...
I CAN'T STOP TALKING.
...you were just avoiding it?
My throat...
The truth is...
...you're not going to change your mind.
But you didn't want to get into a fight...
...hurts.
...by talking about it with me.
So you want to make it vague...
...and the thing between you and me...
...to disappear all by itself.
I CAN'T STOP.

WHOK
You, too...

You don't tell me about yourself...
About your career and future!
I don't...

I don't know about you at all.
That's right.

We don't know about each other at all.
GAH!
TINK
Let's...
...not see each other for a while.
LEMON JUICE...

...HAS SPILLED.
Who's your mother?
It's hot
I'm bored.
This is my last summer break in high school.
I can't believe what happened to me
What about you?
Everyone is busy... ... studying for entrance exams.
How about you?
I see.
I just have to fill out an application.
I'm going to a technical college.
PLIP BLOOP
About what?
Let's do it again
Like college?
Hey...
...give me some ice cream, Mommy.
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

...
aren't you...
...going out?
Like...
...making summer memories together?
I won't say with whom.
No.
Not at all.
Umm ...
I guess...
...just various stuff.
By the way...
Oh, I'm dead
Not really by the way, but...
WHUD
WHAM
I don't have any plans.
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
The floor on this side is cooler.
I'm going to Akita.
Akita?
Why that far?

Those are the dos and don'ts for mock exams in August.
And...
...it says to wear our uniform, but that's not mandatory.
It starts at, umm...
...at ten.
If you are late, you won't be able to take the exams.
Be careful about that.
CLIK
CLIK
CLIK

We don't know about each other at all.
A train is arriving at platform two.
Let's...
Stand inside of the yellow line.
Why...
...did he say that?
...not see each other for a while.
VWSSHH
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP

KLAK
KLIK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
KLAK
KLIK
BACK 6
FRONT 4
What did he mean...
...about not seeing each other?
He's stupid.
THE...
...SUMMER BREAK IS...
...SO LONG.
Ouch.
What's wrong?
Dis-infect it.
...a cut from today when I fell.
Umm...
Ouch
With the power of sulfur

GLU
GLU
GLU
By the time we get home our skin will be smooth.
This feels good.
I can't help thinking something naughty.
You and him...
Middle of a fight
I wish Sajo was here.
I've never enjoyed a hot spring for such a long period of time.
The price was cheap. It even includes meals.
It's not fair for people who commute.
Also, we can enjoy the hot spring as much as we want.
Huh?
SPLASH
...you dating him?
Yes, I am.
STRAIGHTFORWARD
Sajo... Umm... ... are...
Is that disgusting?
No.
Umm ...
I mean ...
...it's not disgusting, but it is surprising.
I mean ...
After you said yes
...I think it made sense.

?
It made sense?
...much interest in girls.
You'll go out with any girl...
...but you don't care when they leave you.
Because you don't show...
So I thought...
...you're not good at relationships.
I'm happy for you.

He was worrying about me like that?
I see
I think this is rather like...
...your first love?

Oh.
Wow.
BLUSH
That is...
...disgusting!!
It's b-because ...
...you said something funny.
Idiot!!
You're embarrassing!!
MY FIRST LOVE.
100% Love Lemon Juice!
Whether sour or sweet enjoy!
What?!

MY FIRST LOVE?
Rihito ?
Have you got a registration form?
Pen and pencil?
This is just a mock exam.
How about tissues?
Should I drive you there?
But you have to go to work.
Don't worry.
I'll be fine.
It's hot.
BIP
MESSAGE 0
MESSAGE RE
MESSAGE FO
RECEIVED 0
SEARCH RETURN
Since you and I have a relationship, have you considered...

...the distance and time?
Because ...
Why didn't you tell me face-to-face?
I did.
...I didn't know...
...how to.
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...I wouldn't have known about it until...
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I mean...
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You're not going to change your mind.
I didn't say that.
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
HUFF
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I don't know...
...what to do either.
BAIBUMP
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BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
...and the thing between you and me...
No.
BAIBUMP
BAIBUMP
...to disappear all by itself.
HUFF
HUFF
No.
Won't you miss me?

You will want to see me.
I miss...
BVVT
BVVT
BVVT
Hello?
HUFF
I caught you at last. Where are you?
Out?
HUFF
Oh ...
...in a train.
?
What's wrong?

I got train-sick.
I'm... ...getting off at the next stop.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Where are you?
CHATTER
Are you with anybody?
Are you OK?
Sa...
S...
VROOM
I like this color.
Lemon yellow?
Yeah.
It's like summer.
I see.
Sajo...
Sajo...
Someone is calling you.
Sajo!
Sajo!
Oh...
...but...
Because... I thought you like this.
We can tie it again.
Huh?
Wh...
Why?!
SNIP

It's more fun if we tie it in a different way.
Besides...
...its color won't change.
Sajo
Sajo
Sajo
Sajo!
FWIK
But...
...it won't be the same.
It doesn't have to be the same.

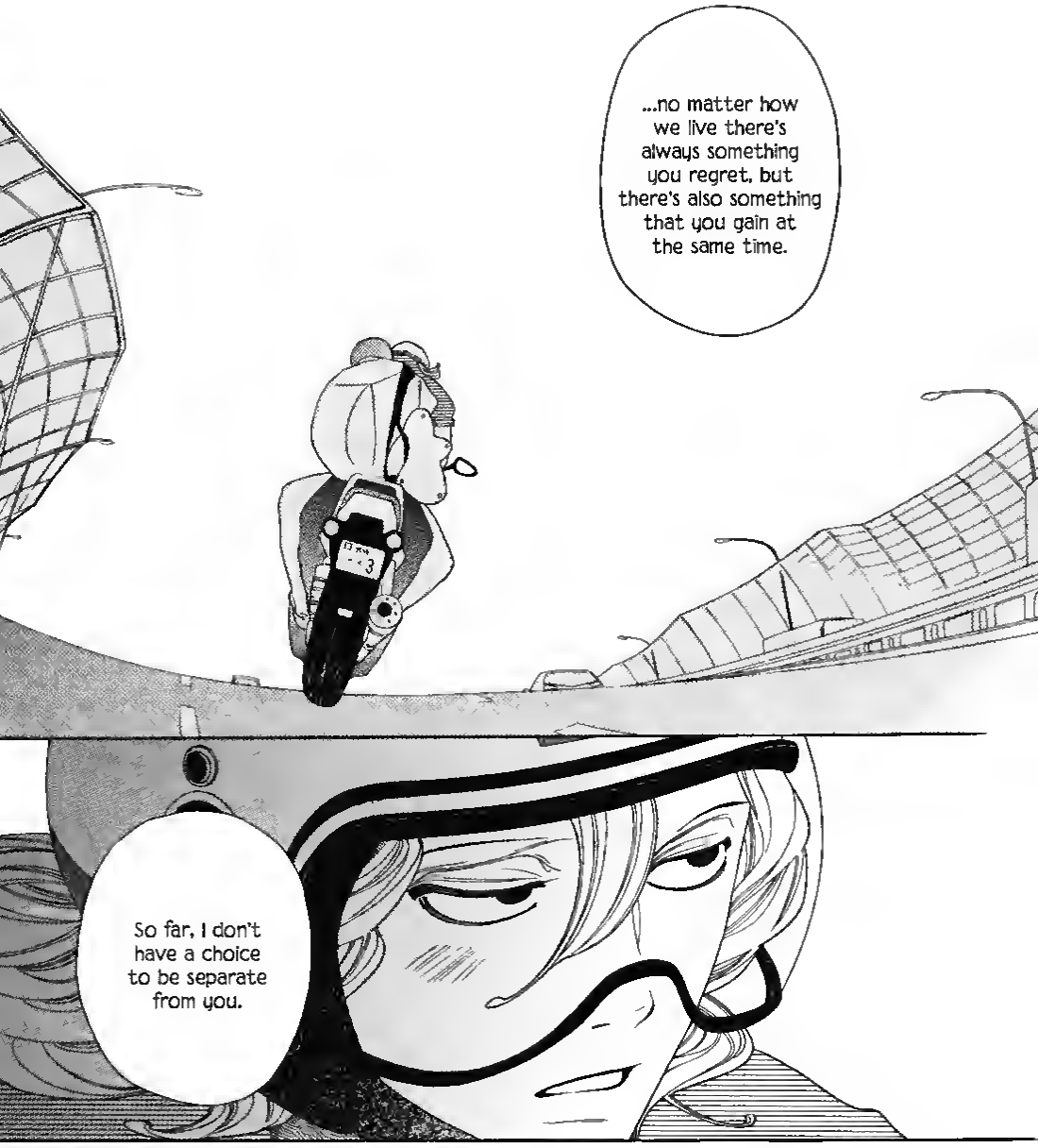
Good!
Mom!
You scared me! Don't scare me every time!
Huh?
Where's the ribbon?
Why are you in uniform? Where were you going?
Half past nine ...?
What?
No...
...it's...
...over.
Huh?
The mock...
...exams.
From ten o'clock.
They're
...over for me now.
I... I failed again.
It's just mock exams.
Real exams will be the same!!
That's not a big deal.
It will happen again...
Because I couldn't ride a train.
All the entrance exams for high school.
I failed them all.

!!
You don't care.!
You...!
Because ...
...you failed all those smart schools...
...we were able to become...
...classmates.

Well
...
now
...
...do you feel all right? Can you stand up?
If I go at max speed you might make it in time.
Max speed?
VROOM
In Akita...

All the way there?
Akita?
VRRRRRMM
I joined a driver's training camp.
...I got my license.
It was fun. There was a hot spring.
I couldn't get a good signal there, though.
So I couldn't call you.
I was also scared to call you
Well...
...we can...
...go there together someday.
Get on.

I'm sorry.
But it was my fault that I didn't have anything to do.
So I decided...
...to move forward, too.
.....
I think...
?
What?
I mean ...
...you are studying hard...
I felt like I was left alone, so I was feeling sorry for myself.


...no matter how we live there's always something you regret, but there's also something that you gain at the same time.
So far, I don't have a choice to be separate from you.

I don't...
...have that either.
Ribbon?
Don't cut the ribbon so easily.
VROOM
You've got five minutes!!
Can you make it?
I can!!
VRRRRRMM

Kusa-kabe!!
Yes!!
Relax!!
Relax!!
Focus!!
Focus!!
I'm going.

Mock Exams
Start → 10:00
Don't forget to write your name.
What's that?
I'll be waiting for you, honey!
CLIK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
Oh no.
Oh, the answer was B there
How was it?
Not good.

Ugh. Ahh.
How was it?
I don't know.
Yes.
Was I... ...sleeping?
Oh!
GASP
FUMP
Because you are here.
That's all I want.
You don't know?
But...
...it's okay.

I wanna kiss you.
No. There're people around us.
You're right.
I thought so

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